GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA

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IRREGULARITIES IN AWARDING MARKETING TELECAST RIGHTS
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether irregularities in awarding marketing telecast rights of French Open, Wimbledon, Independence Cup in 1997, ICC Knock Out Tournament 1998 and World Cup 1999 have been investigated;

(b) if so, the outcome of the investigations; and

(c) the actions proposed against those responsible for the irregularities?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY)

(a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The cases in respect of Independence Cup, 1997 and World Cup, 1999 have been closed, in consultation with Central Vigilance Commission, after the Central Bureau of Investigation reported that allegations could not be substantiated.

In respect of Wimbledon, 1997, CVC advised the closure of case on the same grounds. CBI Court has, however, directed CBI to re-investigate the matter. In respect of French Open, 1997, the case has been closed in respect of two officers in consultation with Central Vigilance Commission. The action against other two officers is under way. In respect of International Cricket Council Knockout Cricket Tournament, 1998, departmental proceedings for major penalty have been initiated against the officers involved.